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FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled A METHOD FOR FABRICATING A HARD COVER FOR AN ARTICLE, the specification of which is attached hereto or was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

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